

In the Claims

Please amend Claim 6 as follows:

6. (Amended for a Fifth Time) The method of making packages having slider-operated zippers, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a supply of a series of concatenated packages, each of said packages having a slider-operated reclosable zipper;

filling each of said packages;

providing a supply of sliders, each of said sliders being insertable onto said reclosable zipper and adapted to open and close said reclosable zipper as said slider is moved along said reclosable zipper in opening and closing directions, respectively; and

for each of said packages, after said step of filling each of said packages, removing a slider from said slider supply and inserting said slider over said reclosable zipper at a section of said zipper, the closure elements of said reclosable zipper remaining in an interlocked configuration during said step of inserting said slider.